

Tuesday, November 28, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S17541–S17698

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1427–1432. **Page S17666**

Measures Passed:

ICC Sunset Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2539, to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and the bill was then passed after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1396, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S17551–90, S17592–S17602**

Adopted:

(1) Pressler/Exon amendment No. 3063, to make technical corrections. **Pages S17582–83**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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(2) By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 586), Byrd amendment No. 3036, to provide for a minimum penalty of 30 years of imprisonment and a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for the destruction of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle facility if a motor vehicle carrying high level nuclear waste or spent nuclear fuel is involved, or for wrecking or sabotaging a train that carries high-level nuclear waste or spent nuclear fuel. **Pages S17594–96**

(3) Boxer amendment No. 3065, to provide for the comparable treatment of Federal employees and Members of Congress and the President during a fiscal hiatus. **Pages S17593–94, S17596–99**

Rejected:

Dorgan/Bond amendment No. 3064, to establish certain competition standards with respect to mergers by railroad carriers. (By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 585), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Ashcroft amendment No. 3067, relating to the transportation of household goods by motor carriers.

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Subsequently, S. 1396 was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S17602**

Product Liability Fairness Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Pressler, Gorton, Lott, Stevens, Snowe, Ashcroft, Hollings, Inouye, Ford, Exon, and Rockefeller. **Page S17674**

Safe Drinking Water Act Reauthorization: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), on Wednesday, November 29, 1995.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–97). **Page S17664**

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–98). **Pages S17664–65**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Received on Monday, November 27, during the adjournment:

Ann L. Aiken, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Joseph A. Greenaway, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Faith S. Hochberg, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Ann D. Montgomery, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

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Received today:

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

H. Martin Lancaster, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

LeVar Burton, of California, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2000.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—586) Page S17596

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 29, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S17675.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES MILITARY IN BOSNIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the use of United States military forces

to enforce the Bosnian peace agreement and the role of NATO and other foreign nations in the implementation force, receiving testimony from Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Advisor to the Bush Administration; James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Energy and Defense, and former Director of Central Intelligence; and Paul D. Wolfowitz, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, November 30.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Erskine Bowles, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President and former Administrator, Small Business Administration; Bruce Lindsey, Deputy Counsel to the President; Charles E. Shepperson, Deputy Associate Administrator, John Spotila, General Counsel, and Martin Tecker, Deputy General Counsel, all of the Small Business Administration; Wayne Foren, former Special Assistant to Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; and Neil Eggleston, Howrey & Simon, Washington, D.C., former Associate Counsel to the President.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 2679–2683; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 127–128; and H. Res. 283 were introduced. Pages H13730–31

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 33, to transfer the Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory in Stuttgart, Arkansas, to the Department of Agriculture (H. Rept. 104–357);

H.R. 418, for the relief of Arthur J. Carron, Jr. (H. Rept. 104–358);

H.R. 419, for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc. (H. Rept. 104–359);

H.R. 1315, for the relief of Kris Murty (H. Rept. 104–360);

H.R. 255, to designate the Federal Justice building in Miami, Florida, as the "James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building" (H. Rept. 104–361);

H.R. 395, to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, Nevada, as the "Bruce R. Thompson